

RED THOMPSON SCORES AGAIN

Noted Fish Killer Brings Sch. Gov. Foss Home With a Big Fare.

Gone just 18 days, sch. Gov. Foss, capt. Fred Thompson arrived this morning from a Georges halibuting trip with 20,000 pounds of the nicest halibut and 140,000 pounds fresh fish, mostly hake and cusk. The halibut added to the American Halibut Company yesterday morning. A reading will be yesterday afternoon, sch. Ella G. brought over 200 barrels salt mackerel from Long Island Sound for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. Steamer Advance took a school of haddock out in the bay, having 23,000 lbs. which sold to split. Down from Boston is sch. Natalie Hammond with 7000 pounds salt cod and 1000 pounds fresh fish.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, seining, 200 barrels salt mackerel.
Sch. Corsair, seining, 100 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Gov. Foss, Georges, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. W. H. Moody, via Boston.
Sch. Natalie Hammond, via Boston, 7000 lbs. salt cod, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Lafayette, via Boston.
Sch. Rose Standish, via Boston.
Sch. Advance, seining, 23,000 lbs. haddock.
Sch. Alert, seining.
Sch. Ella G. King, Long Island Sound, 200 bbls. salt tinker mackerel.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Rob Roy, seining.
Sch. Corona, seining.
Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Line Georges codfish, large \$5 cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.50.
Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.
Salt trawl bank codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50.
Salt drift codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.
Haddock, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
Haddock \$2.50.
Hake, \$1.80.
Pollock, \$1.75.
Pickled halibut, 8 1-2c, 6c and 3c per lb.
Shore salt mackerel, \$9 per bbl.
Tinker mackerel, \$9.25 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Whiting prices:
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
Western cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.20; snappers, 75c.
Eastern cod, large, \$2.15; medium, \$2.00; snappers, 75c.

Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.20. All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.
Hake, \$1.80.
Cusk, large, \$1.65; medium, \$1.20; snappers, 50c.
Pollock, \$1.
Small pollock, 60c per bbl.
Fresh halibut, 8c per lb. right through.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$2 to freezer; \$1.75 to salt.
Fresh mackerel, 25c each for large, 18c for medium, 5c per lb. for tinkers.
Fresh shad, \$2.50 per bbl.
Fresh bluebacks, \$2.50 per bbl. for bait; \$1.50 to salt and freeze; 60c per bbl. for oil.
Whiting, 60c per bbl.

SALADIN HAS MONSTER CATCH

Is in at Boston Today With 60,000 Pounds Fresh Tinker Mackerel.

With a monster fare of fresh tinker mackerel, sch. Saladin, Capt. John Matheson, the king of the year's fleet thus far, arrived at Boston yesterday afternoon. He hauled for 60,000 pounds of fresh ones and 70 barrels of salt ones besides.

The fish were taken down on the Rips, day before yesterday in three sets. There was plenty of mackerel, but the fish ran wild and were hard to set around. At Boston this morning tinkers sold at 5 1-4 and 5 1-2 cents a pound.

Another trip is that of sch. Pythian, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, with 20,000 pounds fresh tinkers and 500 large ones, besides 14 barrels salt.

Of the steamers, the Lois H. Corkum has 700 large, 3000 medium and 9000 pound fresh tinkers and the Mary F. Ruth, 300 large and medium, 6000 tinkers and 38 barrels salt.

Arrivals here are schs. Evelyn M. Thompson, 125 barrels salt mackerel and Corsair, 100 barrels salt.

Stray Men Landed.

The Marine and Fisheries Department received a message today from operator at Cape Race stating that two fishermen named Fred Hill and John Corentin, belonging to the sch. O. Tokia, of Mahone Bay, who strayed from their vessel, had landed there safely yesterday. The men had been adrift in their dory since Saturday last and though they experienced a rough time they are quite well and nothing the worse for their trying experience.—St. John's Herald, July 21.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Richard arrived at Liverpool Saturday and cleared.
Schs. Bohemia and Premier arrived in Canso, Saturday.
Sch. John Hays Hammond arrived in Lockport Sunday for bait.
Sch. Richard was at Liverpool, N. S., Friday.
Schs. Bohemia and Premier were at Canso, Friday.

TRADING GOOD IN FISH TODAY

Mackerel, Swordfish and Groundfish Go Well at New Fish Pier.

Haddock and cod were in good receipt this forenoon at the new pier, in addition to two swordfish fares and four mackerel trips.

Trading was good, mackerel being in demand and selling well. Prices on groundfish were down, and part of the fares will sell to the splitters.

Wholesale quotations were \$1.50 a hundred weight for haddock, \$4 for large and \$1.75 for market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.50 for hake, \$1.25 for pollock, \$2.50 for cusk and 10 cents and 10 3-5 cents a pound for swordfish.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Saladin, 60,000 lbs. fresh tinker mackerel, 70 bbls. salt tinker mackerel.
Sch. Valerie, 26,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Mildred Robinson 4000 haddock, 38,000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Eleanora DeCosta 19,000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 12,000 pollock.
Str. Ripple, 53,000 haddock, 700 cod.
Sch. Commonwealth, 23,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 12,000 pollock.
Sch. Delphina Cabral, 12,000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 15,000 pollock.
Sch. Pontiac, 25,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 7000 pollock.
Sch. Jessie Costa, 23,000 haddock, 29,000 cod.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 3500 haddock, 16,000 cod.
Sch. Progress, 14,000 haddock, 27,000 cod, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 400 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Virginia, 12,000 haddock, 49,000 cod.
Sch. Natalie Nelson, 22,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Harry and Thelma 35 swordfish.
Sch. Mildred, 24 swordfish.
Sch. Pythian, 500 large fresh mackerel, 20,000 lbs. fresh tinkers, 24 bbls. salt mackerel.
Str. Lois H. Corkum, 700 large fresh mackerel, 3000 medium fresh mackerel, 9000 lbs. fresh tinkers.
Str. Mary F. Ruth, 200 large and medium mackerel, 6000 tinkers, 38 bbls. salt mackerel.
Haddock, \$1.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$1.75; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.25; cusk, \$2.50; swordfish 10 1-2c to 10 3-5c per lb.; fresh mackerel, 30c to 38c each for large, 11c to 15c for medium, 5 1-4 to 5 1-2c per lb. for tinkers.

Loading at Bay of Islands.

The Gloucester sch. Monitor came in from Woods Island on Monday morning. A consignment of 160 barrels of herring, cured by the Scotch method by E. Jewell, is being loaded on board for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.—Bay of Islands correspondence, Western Star, July 22.

COD ARE SCARCE AT CHANNEL N. F.

We learn by the "Portia" that from Channel down to Hermitage there is now almost an entire absence of cod on the coast for trawls, though the voyage heretofore has been fair. The bankers in Fortune Bay are coming along and almost daily with fair and some with good trips. Traps at Lamaline, Lawn, Lord's Cove and Little Lawn are doing very well and average about 200 each, while some had as high as 400 quintals under salt. At St. Lawrence it is fair but not as good as these latter places, but the trap fishery at Burin is good and the bankers are arriving with loads averaging from 500 to 1300 quintals on the first trip with caplin. Dog fish are making their unwelcome appearance on the Banks. Fish is scarce at St. Mary's Bay and at Trepassey not enough fish is being caught for local consumption. The Southern Shore ports however have done fairly well.—St. John's, N. F. Herald, July 20.

Sardine Tie Up.

Importers of French sardines are alarmed over reports regarding the demoralizing conditions in fishing and packing circles. A cable on Saturday July 18, stated that thousands of French fishermen have gone on strike and that the women employed in the canneries have joined them, causing a complete tie-up of packing operations. New York importers are declining to book orders in advance of actual information as to pack.

DOGFISH SWARM MAINE COAST

Sardine herring are now being found in greater plenty in the bay, over 250 bushels being landed Monday at the South Portland factory, which is now in constant operation. The fish are also increasing in size, being just the kind wanted. Conditions at the eastward are also improving, a heavier catch being reported at Eastport and Lubec, although far from being up to the average of former seasons.

The fishing steamer Elthier came back to Portland Monday from an unsuccessful search for fish, having cruised in the vicinity of Monhegan for two days the skipper saying he did not see a fish on the trip. The sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, which has been fishing in the vicinity of Damaris Cove for several days, brought in a very small fare, the vessel having been actually driven away by dogfish which swarmed around her, tearing every fish from the hooks. A few small catches were landed Monday by the small boats, but a majority of the fishermen are doing nothing.

The beam trawler Foam arrived Monday at Portland with a catch of 100,000 pounds of fish for the Burnham & Morrill factory, and the arrival of two other steamers with fish is looked for this week.

Nova Scotia Fish Report.

Tangier, July 25—Twenty barrels herring taken Mushaboom, sixty barrels at Spry Bay and Spry Harbor, fifteen barrels at Popes Harbor, eight barrels at Tangier.

Yarmouth, July 25—Three barrels bait at Wedgeport, two barrels at Pubnico, none at Yarmouth and Tusket Island.

Lockport, July 25—One hundred twenty-five barrels at Lockport, Roseway plenty, none at Northeast Harbor and Sand Point.

Sherbroke, July 25—Fifteen barrels herring taken at Fisherman's Harbor and fifteen at Beckerton.

Queensport, July 25—Herring plentiful, bait in cold storage.

Lardoise, July 25—Landed bait, Rockdale six barrels, Lardoise forty, barrels, Lower Lardoise fifteen barrels.

Musquodoboit Harbor, July 25—One hundred and seventy-five barrels herring Owls Head, eighty-one barrels herring Jeddore, six barrels herring Eastern Passage.

Canso, July 25—Half Island Cove, thirty barrels herring, Larrys River sixty barrels, Charles Cove fifteen barrels, Queensport plentiful, bait in freezer, Canso twenty-five barrels, none in freezer, Goldboro two to five barrels per boat, Whithead none.

Digby, July 25—Seventy-five barrels Whites Cove, five Sandy Cove, forty Tiddville.

Barrington, July 25—Not any bait at Clark's Harbor or Baccaro local supply only at Wood's Harbor.

Steam Trawler In To Repair.

The French banking vessel "Mascott" arrived at St. John's, N. F., on Tuesday, July 21, from the Grand Banks where she had been fishing and became leaking, necessitating her running for this port to receive repairs. She has on board 5000 codfish or the equivalent of 150 or 160 qts. as the fish are of a very large size. She reports that fish had been fairly plentiful on the banks, but have now somewhat slackened off. She will dock at St. John's for repairs after which she will again sail for the banks.

REPORT SCH. HODGDON LOST

Letter From One of Crew Says Stores and Outfit Saved at Caraquet C. B.

A letter received this noon from one of the crew of sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, at Caraquet, N. B., dated July 25, states that the craft is ashore and it is feared will be a total loss.

The letter says that they were able to save the provisions and outfits and the men are living ashore at one of the houses of the French settlement.

The writer was unable to confirm the news, however, as Frank C. Pearce, manager of the Cunningham & Thompson firm is out of the city today.

The Hodgdon left here July 10 in command of Capt. John Burton.

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Gov. Foss, sold to the American Halibut Company for eight cents per pound right through.

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FORTUNES IN CLAM SHELLS.

Mississippi River Yields Them By Thousands of Tons.

An industry which now assumes large proportions, and around which clings a peculiar flavor of romance, has developed on the Mississippi river, where hundreds of men are employed in gathering mussel shells in commercial quantities, says Argonaut.

Buttons, pins and other ornaments made out of the shells of the Mississippi mussel are found in all parts of the world. The pearls which are found in these mussels are popular among jewelers, and some command handsome prices.

Of the 30 different varieties found in the Mississippi there are two colors, white and pink. The white shells are the only ones used for button-making, the pink having too many different shades, which could never be matched in color.

The most numerous sort is known in the clam-digger's parlance as "the nigger head." These are the best for making buttons. The shell is only of one shade of white and is very easily sorted. Another kind very similar to the "nigger heads" are known as "muskets."

The first two varieties grow in beds, which sometimes cover 400 to 500 acres and are from four to eight feet deep. They multiply, one on top of the other, until they reach within two feet of the surface of the water at low water mark. The bed is always in deep water and in protected places, such as the mouth of a bay or slough.

Another variety known among clam-diggers as the elite of the clam family, is the "sand shell", which is not found in beds, but travels around on sandy beaches and sloping mud banks, and in the spawning season, which is May, it has the power to make itself buoyant and float off with the current.

Another sort is the "buskhorn", in shape very similar to the oyster and of a dark brown color on the outside. The last sort used for button making is called "butterfly" because of its shape, which is like the wing of a butterfly.

The supply for a constantly increasing market is almost inexhaustible, the work is easy, and not only is there profit in gathering the shells, but occasionally pearls ranging in value from \$5 to \$20 are found in the mussels.

In the last three seasons more than 10,000 tons of shells have been taken.

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Monitor sold to the New England Fish Company for eight and one-half cents per pound for white and five and one-half cents for gray.

Port and Starboard.

To landsmen who have puzzled over the use of the nautical terms port and starboard at the inquiries which follow shipping disasters it is not entirely without interest that the Board of Trade is taking opinions on the use of these words. Starboard, of course, means the right-hand side of a ship as one looks forwards towards her bow, and is generally agreed to have come from steereboard.

The corresponding ancient word for the left side was larboard, from lade-board; but even when shouted by the most vocal skipper the two were so easily confuted in the blusterings of a gale that "port" has been substituted for larboard. Worse danger of confusion still exists in the circumstance that we still retain a use of these terms which was rational when ships were steered by a hand tiller on the rudder head. The orders "aport," "port a little," or "hard aport" then meant put the tiller to port and send the ship to starboard. But the modern steering wheel is moved in the same direction (as to its uppermost spokes) as the tiller would be to produce the same result, so that a man who is accustomed to steer a vessel often blunders badly when learning to drive the more rationally steered motor car. The last International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea recommended that some international agreement should be arrived at to make the practice of all nations uniform and rational.

Our British practice, the conference was almost unanimous, is unsuitable to be the survivor; but a sudden change to any new way, however good, would be dangerous among quartermasters and helmsmen who have the habits of a lifetime binding them to the queer old words and topsy-turvy motions that follow almost unconsciously. One can think of several ways in which the change to simple "right" and "left," with motions of wheel and ship corresponding, might be made by safe stages. The first stage might be the order "wheel aport." Next after a suitable interval, "wheel left." Only then, when it had become impressed upon sailors that the command related only to the wheel, the direction of the wheel's movement might be changed, leaving the onus of remembering the new condition upon the officer rather than on the helmsman.

Finally, the word "wheel" would cease to have a place in the command. We do not say these steps are the best that could be devised; but some gradation would be advisable, and it will be interesting to learn what opinion the Merchant Service Association and the Imperial Merchant Service Guild express to the Board of Trade in response to the Board's request.—Manchester, England, Guardian.

When Caplin Are Plenty.

Not within the memory of people about Kelligrews has there been such a caplin harvest as during the present season. A little more than two weeks ago caplin struck in, and since then at the public wharf, and one or two others in the immediate vicinity, it is estimated that from six to eight thousand barrels have been landed. Nearly all of this is used for manure, and while it is valuable to the people for such purposes, it is unfortunate that some plan has not been devised by which so large a quantity of excellent food may be utilized commercially,

and thus ensure greater profits to those who labor at it, besides supplying the market with an exceedingly dainty fish. Trap skiffs holding thirty to forty barrels have landed much as four loads in a day, Wednesday as at other times, and the "school," men could be seen lying just beside the wharves, work is strenuous, but the men, dently appreciating the wisdom making hay while the sun shines, utilized their opportunities to so that the thriving settlement Kelligrews has been a busy place early morning till late in the afternoon. While there has been such a plenty of caplin, codfish has not made appearance, a condition which, we understand, applies to many other species in Conception Bay.—St. John's Free Press, July 14.

Pensacola Arrivals.

Eighteen vessels reached the wharves during the seven days of July 19, with a total catch of 24,000 pounds of red snapper and nearly two-thirds of the receipts being brought in by vessels of E. Saunders & Co., which appears to have all the luck. There was honor for the Warren Fish Co. the biggest vessels catch was by one of the crafts of that company which carried about 1400 more fish than the biggest haul by a vessel of E. E. Saunders & Co.

Eleven vessels reached port for E. Saunders & Co., with a combined catch of 178,000 pounds of fish, which 148,360 pounds were red snapper and 30,400 pounds grouper; biggest catch was 21,000 pounds the smallest 8115 pounds.

Seven vessels with a total of 60,000 pounds of fish were received by Warren Fish Co. Of red snapper there were 63,405 pounds and grouper 16,465 pounds. The largest haul made by a vessel of the Warren Fish Co. fleet was 22,415 pounds the smallest trip 2000 pounds.

The 13 vessels owned by the companies, landed 211,765 pounds of red snapper and 48,905 pounds of grouper. Receipts were:

E. E. Saunders & Co.—Maud J. va, 12,455 lbs. red snapper, 63,405 lbs. grouper; Cavalier, 9865 lbs. red snapper, 1400 lbs. grouper; Clara J. 14,000 lbs. red snapper, 16,070 lbs. grouper; Kwasind, 16,070 lbs. red snapper, 19,05 lbs. grouper; Seal, 19,825 lbs. red snapper, 875 lbs. grouper; Alcina, 15,420 lbs. red snapper, 5600 lbs. grouper; Shepley, 14,000 lbs. red snapper, 14,25 lbs. grouper; R. Harwood, 12,360 lbs. red snapper, 4540 lbs. grouper; Flora J. Seal, 125 lbs. red snapper, 2980 lbs. grouper; Thomas J. Carroll, 14,500 lbs. red snapper, 11,000 lbs. grouper; Frances V. Silva, 11,000 lbs. red snapper, 3255 lbs. grouper; Warren Fish Co.—Galatea, 10,000 lbs. red snapper; Rena A. Percy, 10,000 lbs. red snapper, 5000 lbs. grouper; Cyen, 7000 lbs. red snapper, 5890 lbs. grouper; Emma Jean, 5890 lbs. red snapper, 2365 lbs. grouper; Seal, 18,110 lbs. red snapper, 4305 lbs. grouper; Mary B. Greer, 17,265 lbs. red snapper, 1795 lbs. grouper; Captain Johnson, of a Mobile, landed 4500 lbs. of red snapper and 1000 lbs. of grouper for the Warren Fish Co.